



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## DROP IN TEMPERATURES DELAY FALL PLANTING AND CREATE CONCERN ABOUT POTENTIAL CROP AND FRUIT DAMAGE

Cold, cloudy conditions across most of Tennessee combined with rain, some freezing precipitation and frost slowed fall crop planting and created concern that small grains, particularly wheat, field crops, and fruit crops - especially apples - may have been damaged by the cold weather. Twenty-five percent of tomatoes, beans and other commercial crops that had been set were lost due to the cold weather in East Tennessee. There will be a delay until full damage can be fully assessed. However, in at least one area of the state, producers made excellent planting progress. Cotton planting also started. Producers were hopeful that forecasted warmer weather will come to fruition and stimulate more pasture growth. Other activities included burndown and spreading of fertilizer and lime. There were 5.2 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 9 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 7 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2020	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent					Percent				
Apples – Full Bloom	82	68	82	83	Wheat	0	3	23	60	14
Corn - Planted	48	26	33	44	Pasture	0	7	33	50	10
Corn – Emerged	18	5	12	15	Strawberries	2	5	27	49	17
Cotton – Planted	1	0	2	2	Apples	0	3	31	60	6
Soybeans – Planted	8	2	7	4						
Winter Wheat – Jointing	88	79	94	92						
Winter Wheat – Headed	33	10	53	41						